

**A REPORT OF THE AAWG
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION TO PREVENT
WIDESPREAD FATIGUE DAMAGE IN THE COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE FLEET**

3.0 AIRWORTHINESS ASSURANCE WORKING GROUP

The AAWG is a duly constituted Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) entity. The AAWG reports to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, Transport Airplane and Engine Issues Group (ARAC TAEIG). The AAWG was formed shortly after the 1988 Accident in Hawaii involving an older Boeing 737 in which a large section of fuselage departed the airplane. The AAWG has been active ever since examining the health of the fleet and proposing additional programs to maintain overall integrity of the commercial fleet. The membership of the AAWG consists of representation from:

- Airbus Industrie*
- Airline Pilot s Association
- American Airlines
- American West Airlines
- Boeing Commercial Airplanes*
- British Aerospace Airbus*
- British Airways
- Continental Airlines*
- Delta Air Lines Incorporated*
- DHL Airways Incorporated
- Evergreen International Airlines
- Federal Aviation Administration*
- Federal Express*
- Fokker Service
- International Air Transport
- Joint Airworthiness Authorities*
- Lockheed Martin*
- Northwest Airlines
- Regional Airline Association
- United Airlines
- United Parcel Service
- US Airways

The AAWG established a task group to prepare and finalize the recommendations from this Tasking. The entities identified by an asterisk, together with Daimler-Chrysler and Aerospatiale participated in the task group. In completing the Task, the AAWG met eleven times in the 18-month period. A list of meeting venues and meeting attendance is documented in Appendices C and D respectively.